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2 MAYOR GOODMAN: Madame Chairman, ladies and

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3 gentlemen: I'm going to cut to the chase, because I

4 know you all want to talk, and I am not going to take

5 your time, but I want to send a message back to

6 Washington about how serious we in Las Vegas and we in

7 Nevada consider this matter.

8 When I was first elected, I pledged that I

9 was going to do whatever I could to make sure that

10 nuclear waste doesn't come through the city streets of

11 Las Vegas. And I didn't want to talk out of ignorance.

12 I went up to Yucca Mountain, I went up with Dr. Dyer

13 and I went up with Dr. Ritkin, and we were on a bus,

14 and after we viewed the site, I said to them, I said,

15 "Can you tell me with any kind of certainty that this

16 nuclear repository is safe?" And Dr. Ritkin looked in

17 my face and said, "Nobody could ever say that with

18 certainty." Well, if they can't tell us that we're

19 safe, how dare they even consider bringing this crap

20 here?

21 (APPLAUSE)

22 Now I say I'm the happiest mayor in the

23 world, and I am, and I aim to stay that way. I've got

24 four children are going to be moving back to the state  
25 of Nevada and my grandchildren and their children and  
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1 future generations want to know that they're coming to  
2 an area that they don't have to worry about whether or  
3 not a truck is going to spill over when the grandfather  
4 is sitting as the mayor up on the 10th floor and looks  
5 down at U.S. 95 and sees this crap all over our roads.  
6 Because I've been told --

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 I've been told that if there is a spill like  
9 that, the driver doesn't have to worry about too much,  
10 because he's wearing a uniform. But the people around  
11 there within 42 square miles are having carcinogens put  
12 into the air which could give them cancer and kill  
13 them. And that's not going to take place as long as I  
14 am the mayor of Las Vegas. I'll tell you why.

15 (APPLAUSE)

16 We are doing something about it. We passed  
17 an ordinance, maybe the first ordinance of its kind in  
18 the United States, and it's been asked for by other  
19 cities and foreign countries alike, that anybody who  
20 drives nuclear waste through the city of Las Vegas,

21 high-level nuclear waste, is going to be arrested. And

22 don't dare me, because I tell you, I'll be there to

23 make the arrest myself.

24 (APPLAUSE)

25 And I'll tell you something else. Let me

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1 tell you something. The most dangerous thing you can

2 give to an old criminal lawyer is a badge. Okay?

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 But in all sincerity, don't -- don't test us.

5 Because I've been told by all the constitutional

6 experts in the land that the city can't pass a law that

7 affects federal highways and federal byways and federal

8 transportation. But I'll tell you one thing, I'll be

9 out there, and I'll participate in the arrest, and

10 let's see the driver try to get out of jail in my city.

11 Thank you.

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